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FLOWER MOUND POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FORFEITED PROCEEDS (Flower Mound, Texas)

Richard B. Roper, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, and Lance Sumpter, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, announced today that the Flower Mound Police Department has received \$367,356.20. Under Forfeiture Laws, the government can forfeit property that constitutes proceeds from a criminal conduct, property traceable to criminal proceeds, or property used to facilitate a criminal offense.

The money presented today is the result of forfeitures from two separate investigations by the North Texas Asset Forfeiture Task Force. The first investigation involved the prosecution of Kyong Cha Roberts (aka Jackie Roberts) and Sang Hyun Cho. On February 6, 2006, Roberts and Cho pled guilty to charges they conspired to structure large currency deposits and monthly rents from individuals operating prostitution and other businesses at 11420 and 11434 Emerald Street, Dallas, Texas. On July 17, 2006, Roberts was sentenced to 37 months, Cho was sentenced to 30 months, and they both were ordered to forfeit the properties listed above because the properties were used in the crime. In addition, other assets forfeited and sold at auction were a Rolex watch, a 2005 Mercedes C230, and a 2003 Hummer H2.

The second investigation involved the prosecution of Trinh Tran who pled guilty on November 7, 2005 to one count of structuring transactions to evade reporting requirements to the Internal Revenue Service. Trinh Tran, a dentist's wife, admitted to taking hundreds of thousands of dollars from her husband's dentist practice and structuring transactions to buy a piece of property, located in Collin



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County. On February 27, 2006, Tran was sentenced to fifteen months in prison. Tran was released from prison on April 27, 2007 and was placed on two years of supervised release. She was also ordered to forfeit the property mentioned above. It is the proceeds from the auction of this property that constitute the largest part of today's distribution.

U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper said, "A key to reducing crime is to take away a criminal's profits. Here, not only did the criminals go to prison for laundering money from prostitution and structuring financial transactions, we also forfeited the proceeds of their criminal activity for the benefit of the citizens of Flower Mound. What criminals meant for evil, is now being used for good."

Lance Sumpter, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation stated, "This check today is the fruit of the cooperative law enforcement effort between the IRS - CI, the Flower Mound Police Department and other law enforcement agencies. The proceeds from these crimes are being provided as a positive reinvestment in the community and the Flower Mound Police Department to help fight crime!"

Chief of Police Kenneth Brooker said, "Our partnership with the Internal Revenue Service has proven to be very successful by allowing criminal's seized assets to benefit the community. These seizures help us to update and acquire some of the equipment needed to fight crime without burdening the Town's budget."

The North Texas Asset Forfeiture Task Force is composed of detectives from the Dallas, Flower Mound, and Arlington Police Departments, and special agents with Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation.

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